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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Kiyotaka SAKAI, et al.

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EXAMINER:

FOR: DEVELOPER REGUALTING MEMBER, DEVELOPING DEVICE, ELECTROPHOTOGRAPHIC IMAGE FORMING PROCESS CARTRIDGE, AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS INCLUDING THE DEVELOPER REGULATING MEMBER

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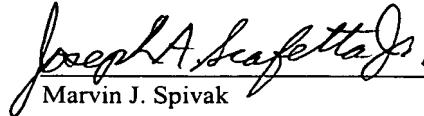
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